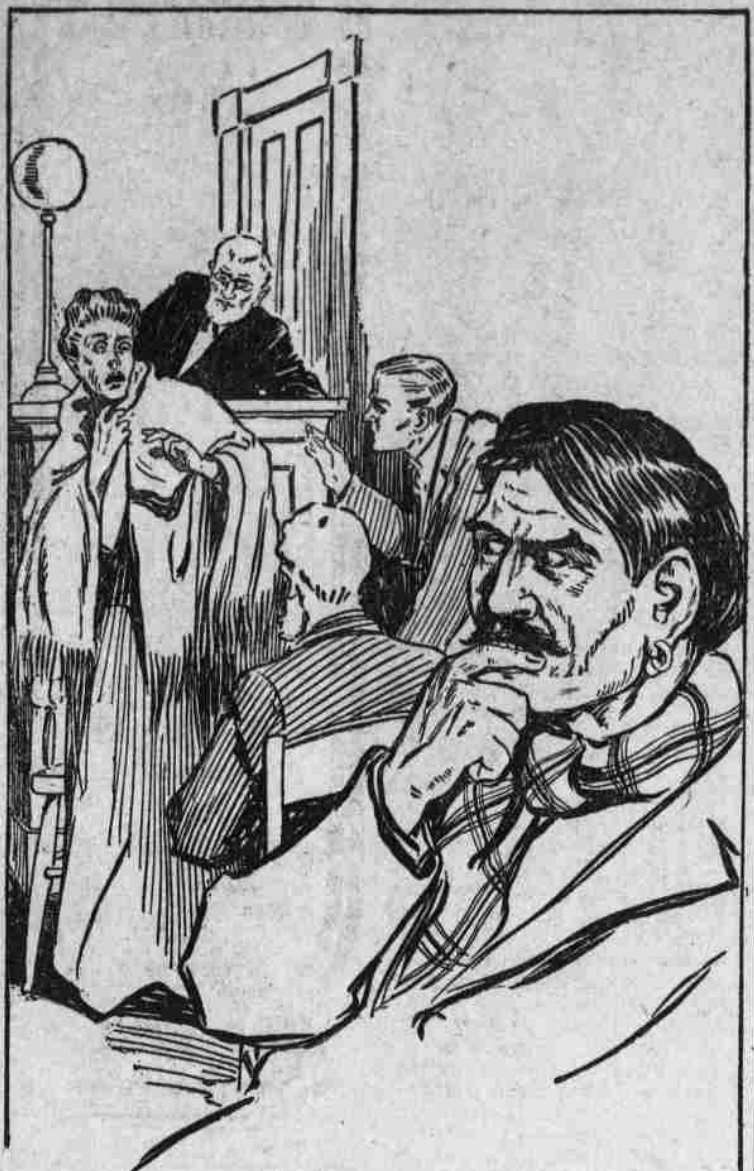


THE DEATH SIGN THAT DEFEATS JUSTICE



IN open court, where justice sits silk-gowned, the very embodiment of law and order, and in the certain atmosphere of an authority against which no man may raise a hand; here, in this very city of New York, witnesses under oath to speak the truth only, have halted with unspoken word on lip and become as mutes at the sight of the sign of death.

The sign of death? A fiction? No. A meaningless motion made to disconcert the overtimid? Again no. A death sign—a reality? As certain as there are courts of law; a sign behind which lurks the murderous blade in the hand of a killer of men; a sign of as malign significance as that of the skull and crossbones on the black flag at the peak of the pirate ship of old.

This sign was made in New York, in Justice Faucett's court, and a witness quailed and became speechless. It was made again in Justice O'Sullivan's court, and a witness covered and shook like one with the palsy.

What is this sign of death? William F. Flynn, head of the detective bureau, second deputy commissioner of the police department, for years a secret service man, shrewd, resourceful, successful, knows it well. He has seen it. They put one sign of death on the body of a victim—a sign of death accomplished, for to kill for vengeance without it would not strike terror. The sign about which Chief Flynn tells is the other—the warning.

BY WILLIAM F. FLYNN
(Head of the Bureau of Detectives,
New York City.)

THE death sign, used exclusively among southern Italians and Sicilians, is made by placing the forefinger of the right hand between the teeth. The instant the sign is seen by the one for whom it is intended the finger is withdrawn. The entire movement rarely takes more than two or three seconds. Often it is made in a single second, and for that reason it escapes the notice of even the sharpest observers. When this sign is made by a leader or representative of a gang of bad men it never fails to strike terror into the hearts of witnesses, no matter how bold or courageous they may be. I have seen witnesses who had previously declared their willingness to testify and who were assured of protection suddenly turn white as a sheet and refuse to utter another word against the prisoner who was on trial. The death sign had been given to them in open court, and they knew they would be killed if they said another word. And it is undoubtedly true that their lives would be forfeited if they disobeyed the sign. Not in open court, of course, for the members of those gangs are arrant cowards, but sooner or later some of their number would murder their victim.

The uneducated southern Italians and Sicilians with whom the police have to deal are more superstitious than any other race of people living in New York. Sign omens have a peculiar significance for them. The death sign is a tradition with them. They have heard about it before they could even talk. They are brought up to dread it, just as they are brought up to dread the Black Hand.

saw the death sign given to her, but the fact that she stopped in the middle of her testimony and turned deathly white is conclusive evidence that it was given to her.

If her testimony had not been halted by the death sign we should have been able to round up every member of that gang of kidnappers. She knew them and was ready to tell all; but when the death sign was given to her she knew if she divulged a single name her life would not be safe, even in jail. So it will be seen that the death sign is often a serious hindrance to our work.

In another kidnapping case the death sign was plainly seen. Rosina Martinese, a woman held for complicity in the case of Pietro Pampinelli, had agreed to tell the truth about the affair on the condition that the charge against her be withdrawn. Her lawyer and the assistant district attorney had agreed to this, and she took the stand to confess her part in the crime. Even Judge O'Sullivan asked her if she was ready to confess and she answered in the affirmative. But a moment later her face turned white and her black eyes grew fixed and staring, as though something had suddenly frightened her into dumbness. She clutched at her throat and placed her hand before her face as though to shut out the hideous vision.

Impossible to Make Woman Give Testimony.

Suddenly she shrieked: "No, no; I know nothing! I swear I know nothing at all!" Her lawyer jumped to his feet and told the court that she had confessed her part in the crime to him and that she had agreed to tell it on the witness stand. But the Martinese woman was immovable. She would not utter a word except to deny her knowledge of the crime.

While she was protesting her innocence a policeman rushed to the prisoner's pen and caught Pietro Pampinelli, the man on trial by the arm. He had seen him give her the death sign and he so informed the court. Subsequent attempts were made to get the Martinese woman to confess, but without success. Like others who had received the sign she knew any confession on her part would be followed by a hideous death.

Of course, there are scores of written death signs. The skull and crossbones has been a sign of death for centuries. The Chinese have a death sign of a man selected for slaughter, and I suppose every race has some sort of written sign which is synonymous with death and which has come down from the earliest times. To this day, when an Italian is murdered his relatives dip their fingers in his blood and make a cross with it. The cross, by the way, has been the symbol of death in almost every clime and age.

But the death sign we are confronted with today is the quick gesture which I have described. It is peculiar to the southern Italians and the Sicilians. I have never known it to be employed by criminals of any other nationality, and in my career I have dealt with men of all races. It is a serious thwarting of justice, but I have no doubt that it really means death for the person who disregards it. While Italian criminals are cowards when it comes to fighting any one not of their own race, the spirit of the vendetta is born in them. The fact that several witnesses who implicated their fellow countrymen in serious crimes have been mysteriously murdered not long afterward proves that the death sign is a dreadful, horrible reality.—New York Sunday World.

ARROWS THAT CARRY FLAME

Method of Starting Fires in Which Miscreant Can Escape Without Detection.

Arrows bearing a box of matches and an ignited cloth, and which are shot from rice fields and dark alleys, are now known to be the means by which the firebugs responsible for several conflagrations during the last week have accomplished their aims.

A strange feature of the present epidemic of incendiarism in Manila has been the utter inability of anyone to catch the firebugs in the act of firing houses, and although the police and private citizens have been on the lookout for these vandals only one charge of arson has been filed so far.

The police had a theory the work was done with arrows and that their theory was correct was proved by the discovery yesterday afternoon of an arrow which had been shot at 241 Calle Singalong. The arrow was about 3½ inches long and about one centimeter in diameter.

To it was tied a full box of matches wrapped with a piece of canvas which had been saturated with petroleum. The arrow was designed so that being fixed in the bow, or when ready to be thrown, the canvas was ignited and the arrow hurled at the house intended for destruction. By the time it reached its destination the cloth would be burned sufficiently to ignite the matches and an explosion would occur, setting fire to the surrounding area.

Two Cases That Prove Potency of the Sign.
Maria Rappa, who with Stanislaus Pattenza was on trial last December for kidnapping Giuseppe Longo and Michele Rizzo, was given the death sign in open court. She would have told her whole story but for that reason. A member of the gang of Black Handers who were associated with her gave her the sign and she positively refused to talk further. Nothing would move her. She knew if she made any disclosures she would be killed. Justice Lewis Fawcett, who tried the case, admitted it. No one

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To Pray for the Rich.

Two women prominent in St. Louis have started a movement to induce 200,000 of their sex in the south to pray every day for the rich. They explain they hope by organizing systematically groups of women who will pray often and well for the more affluent, wealthy persons will be led to contribute to a fund for the evangelization of the world. Belle H. Bennett, president of the women's missionary council of the Methodist Episcopal church south, and Mrs. R. W. McDonnell are the originators of the plan.

CURED ITCHING AND BURNING

"I was taken with the itch in April, 1904, and used most everything. I had a friend pay me a visit from Cumberland, and she advised me to use Cuticura Remedies which I did. The cure was certainly quick, and I use them to this day. I had it terribly under my knees. I only used one box of pills, but two boxes of Cuticura Ointment, and I use the Cuticura Soap all the time. I hope this will benefit others, as it has me, after Dr. — and others could do nothing for me." (Signed) Miss Lu Johnson, 1523 Ninth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., April 3, 1910.

In a later letter Miss Johnson adds: "The trouble began with an eruption under my knees, and extended upwards toward my waist, until I was not able to sit down. It kept a constant itching and burning all the time, night and day. I went to my doctor, but he could do me no good after I did not know how many medicines he gave me, and then told me I would be compelled to go to a skin specialist, which I positively refused to do. I cried all the time. Finally I made up my mind to try Cuticura Remedies, and tried Cuticura Pills, Ointment and Soap, and was entirely cured of the itching three days after I started using them. The healing took about eight days. I consider Cuticura Remedies marvelous, and would recommend them everywhere." Cuticura Remedies are sold throughout the world. Send to Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Boston, for free book on skin afflictions.

Just Hopes.
A gentleman never snatches his trousers away from his wife when he discovers her going through his pockets. He only hopes she will leave him enough with which to go downtown in the morning. He is perfectly welcome to go through her purse any time and help himself to anything he can find. That is what married life means. A man should not allow his feelings to be hurt when his wife runs across loose change or a roll in his pockets; he ought to play the game and take such little conjugal pastimes for granted.

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Next time you're out with friends, and you're all wondering what you can drink to quench the thirst—something that you'll all enjoy—suggest COCA-COLA.

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Do your feet feel tired, aching, and sore at night? Rub them with a little Hamlin's Wizard Oil. They'll be glad in the morning and so will you.

Those with whom we can apparently become well acquainted in a few moments are generally the most difficult to rightly know and understand.

If constipation is present, the liver sluggish, take Garfield Tea; it is mild in action and never loses its potency.

If no God, whence duty? There remains no other source than blind, brutal, tyrannous force. Duty never issues from that.—Maxim.

Something to Follow.

Statistical Boarder—An aeroplane can be built for \$150.
Practical Boarder—Cheap enough, but it's the funeral that costs.

REPATRIATED.

HE HAD \$400.00 IN CASH IN 1903; NOW WORTH \$8,000.00.

My parents were originally Canadians from Essex County, Ontario. I was born in Monroe County, Michigan, from which place I moved to Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, where I farmed for 22 years. I sold my farm there in the summer of 1903 and in September of that year came to Canada with my wife and eight children. I had about \$400 in cash, team of horses, a cow, a few sheep and some chickens. I took up a quarter section of land near Jack Fish Lake, Meota P. O., and later on purchased for \$2,000.00 an adjoining quarter section. I have now 48 head of cattle, a number of horses, good buildings and consider my holding is worth at least \$8,000.00. My children have raised from \$300 to \$500 worth of garden truck each year since we have been here. I have never had a poor crop and have never had one frosted. My wheat has averaged from 25 to 30 bushels per acre with one or two years considerably more. My oats have always yielded well up to 50 bushels per acre and once or twice as high as 85. My cattle have never been stabled in winter, and do not need it. I consider that this country offers better opportunities for settlers than anywhere I have ever been. I am sure that almost any person can come here and buy land at say \$15.00 per acre and pay for it in one crop. My experience is that if a man farms his land in the right way he is not likely to have his crop frosted.

Most of the settlers in my district are Americans and Canadians and I know lots of them who came here with little or no capital who are now doing well, but I do not know of any who have left through disappointment, or becoming discouraged, have returned to their former homes.

EUGENE JUBINVILLE.
There are many whose experience is similar to that of Mr. Jubinville. Secure Canadian Government literature from nearest Canadian Government Agent, and see for yourself.

How He Did It.

At the dinner Saturday of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, Capt. Carlyle L. Burridge told of a man who, returning to his domicile at cocker, underwent an inspection by his wife, who desired to know how he came to have a large bump on his forehead.

"That? Oh, that's where I bit myself," explained he of the night knight. "Bit yourself?" the lady repeated after him. "How could you bite yourself away up there?"

"Why, I stood on a chair," he said.—Cleveland Leader.

"When a Wife is Cruel."

The husband rushed into the room where his wife was sitting. "My dear," said he, excitedly, "guess what! Intelligence has just reached me—"

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